

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION
SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0022047-08-0

Permittee: Village of Whitelaw, Po Box 294, Whitelaw, WI 54247-0294

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Whitelaw Wastewater Treatment Facility, 312 North Hickory Street, Whitelaw, Wisconsin

Receiving Water and Location: Unnamed Tributary of Hempton Lake in Manitowoc County

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: The Village of Whitelaw, in Central Manitowoc County, owns and operates an oxidation ditch wastewater treatment facility designed for an average flow of 0.115 million gallons per day (MGD) that was constructed in 2001. The facility discharges about 0.094 MGD on average. Waste activated sludge is aerobically digested and stored on-site until disposal. Sludge is disposed by land application to agricultural fields as a soil amendment and plant fertilizer. The effluent limitations contained in the current permit are carried into this iteration unchanged, with the exception of chloride. The current permit contains a variance to the 400 mg/L water quality-based effluent limit (WQBEL) for chloride per § NR 106.83, Wis. Adm. Code. The permittee has met the conditions for this variance and the level of chloride in the discharge has been reduced to 385 mg/L. Effluent limits for chloride are no longer necessary and are being discontinued pursuant to § NR 106.04(3), Wis. Adm. Code, since discharge levels are below the WQBEL. The permit requires continued chloride monitoring, reporting of the mass discharged, and a requirement to notify the Department about changes in concentration discharged. Sample point number 702, used to characterize septage hauled to the facility, is no longer necessary and is discontinued. Monitoring of ammonia in the effluent is now required. Influent and effluent phosphorus monitoring is required in 2010 and the sludge which is land applied must be analyzed for water extractable phosphorus. The permit also includes updated standard language.

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The Department has tentatively decided that the above specified WPDES permit should be reissued.

Limitations and conditions which the Department believes adequately protect the receiving water are included in the proposed permit. Land application of waste shall be done in accordance with permit conditions and applicable codes. All land application sites shall be approved prior to their use. To receive a list of approved sites, or to be notified of potential approvals, contact the basin engineer.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, or to request a public hearing, may write to the Department of Natural Resources at the permit drafter's address. All comments or suggestions received no later than 30 days after the publication date of this public notice will be considered along with other information on file in making a final decision regarding the permit. Where designated as a reviewable surface water discharge permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is allowed up to 90 days to submit comments or objections regarding this permit determination.

A public informational hearing may be held if response to this notice indicates significant public interest pursuant to s. 283.49, Stats., or if a petition requesting a hearing is received from 5 or more persons. Requests for a public informational hearing shall state the following: the name and address of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the interest in the proposed permit of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the reasons for the request; and the issues proposed to be considered at the hearing.

Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit and fact sheet (if required), may be inspected and copied at the permit drafter's or basin engineer's office, Monday through Friday (except holidays), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please call the permit drafter or basin engineer for directions to their office location, if necessary. Information on this permit action may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter at (920) 662-5176 or by writing to the Department. Reasonable costs (usually 20 cents per page) will be charged for copies of information in the file other than the public notice and fact sheet. Permit information is also available on the internet at: <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/water/wm/ww>. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made to qualified individuals upon request.

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